

Dated: February 15, 1996.
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*Acting Deputy State Director, Resource
Planning, Use and Protection Division.*
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**Notice of Realty Action; Recreation
and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act
Classification; New Mexico**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management
(BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action; R&PP
Act Classification.

SUMMARY: The following public land in
Dona Ana County, New Mexico has
been examined and found suitable for
classification for lease or conveyance to
Las Cruces School District under the
provision of the R&PP Act, as amended
(43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). Las Cruces
School District proposes to use the land
for a school site.

T. 22 S., R. 2 E., NMPM
Sec. 33, lot 2, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.
Containing 45.64 acres, more or less.

DATES: Comments regarding the
proposed lease/conveyance or
classification must be submitted on or
before April 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to
the Bureau of Land Management, Las
Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess,
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Marvin M. James at the address above or
at (505) 525-4349.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Lease or
conveyance will be subject to the
following terms, conditions, and
reservations:

1. Provisions of the R&PP Act and to
all applicable regulations of the
Secretary of the Interior.
2. All valid existing rights
documented on the official public land
records at the time of lease/patent
issuance.
3. All minerals shall be reserved to
the United States, together with the
right to prospect for, mine, and remove
the minerals.
4. Any other reservations that the
authorized officer determines
appropriate to ensure public access and
proper management of Federal lands
and interests therein.

Upon publication of this notice in the
Federal Register, the land will be
segregated from all other forms of
appropriation under the public land
laws, including the general mining laws,
except for lease or conveyance under

the R&PP Act and leasing under the
mineral leasing laws. On or before April
8, 1996, interested persons may submit
comments regarding the proposed lease/
conveyance or classification of the land
to the District Manager, Las Cruces
District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las
Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Any
adverse comments will be reviewed by
the State Director. In the absence of any
adverse comments, the classification
will become effective 60 days from the
date of publication of this notice.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit
comments involving the suitability of
the land for a school site. Comments on
the classification are restricted to
whether the land is physically suited for
the proposal, whether the use will
maximize the future use or uses of the
land, whether the use is consistent with
local planning and zoning, or if the use
is consistent with State and Federal
programs.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit
comments regarding the specific use
proposed in the application and plan of
development, whether the BLM
followed proper administrative
procedures in reaching the decision, or
any other factor not directly related to
the suitability of the land for a school
site.

Dated: February 20, 1996.
Linda S.C. Rundell,
District Manager.
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**Notice of Interim Management for
Protection of Wild and Scenic River
Values**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: The Bureau of Land
Management, Canon City District, San
Luis Resource Area has determined that
41 miles of the Rio Grande River in
Colorado was eligible for consideration
as a potential addition to the National
Wild and Scenic River System. This
determination was made as a part of the
San Luis Resource Management Plan
process in accordance with the Federal
Land Policy and Management Act of
1976 (FLPMA), 43 CFR 1600, the
Guidance for the Identification and
Evaluation of Potential Additions to the
National Wild and Scenic Rivers
System, the USDI-USDA Final Revised
Guidelines for Eligibility, Classification

and Management of River Areas, and
BLM Manual Section 1623.41A2d.

SUMMARY: In December, 1991 the
Resource Management Plan (RMP) was
finalized for the San Luis Resource Area
of Colorado. Assessment of potential
additions to the National Wild and
Scenic River System was included in
this planning effort. A total of 32
streams or segments of streams were
analyzed and a 41 mile segment of the
Rio Grande River in Colorado met the
eligibility criteria. This segment of the
river is "free-flowing" and has
"outstandingly remarkable values,"
therefore, this stretch needs adequate
interim protection until a final decision
is reached.

The 41-mile segment of the Rio
Grande River, which is the last 41 miles
of this river within Colorado, has been
tentatively classified as follows: the
upper 33 miles meets the "Scenic"
classification criteria, and the lower 8
miles meets the "Wild" classification
criteria. These tentative classifications
are based on conditions of the river
corridor as they existed at the time of
the study.

Management activities and authorized
uses will not be allowed to adversely
affect the eligibility or classification of
this river. Management prescriptions for
this river corridor should provide for
protection in three ways:

1. The free-flowing characteristics of
the river cannot be modified, to the
extent that BLM is authorized under law
to control stream impoundments and
diversions.
2. Outstandingly remarkable values
will be protected, and to the extent
practicable, enhanced.
3. Management and development of
the river corridor cannot be modified to
the degree that eligibility or
classification is changed.

A study report was prepared and
included in the appendix to the
proposed resource management plan/
final environmental impact study and
documents the application of the
Eligibility/Classification/Suitability
Criteria.

The study report was included as an
integral part of the RMP process
documentation. The determination
within the RMP was a preliminary
administrative recommendation for
designation or non-designation
depending on the suitability analysis.
The recommendation will receive
further review and possible
modification by the Director of the BLM,
the Secretary of the Interior and the
President of the United States. Final
decisions have been reserved by the
U.S. Congress.

DATES: Interim protective management on public lands along this 41-mile river corridor will exist for a period not exceeding 5 years from the date of this notice or until such time as a final decision has been made, whichever occurs first.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may obtain more information by writing to the District Manager, Canon City District, 3170 East Main St., Canon City, CO 81212 or the Area Manager, San Luis Resource Area, 1921 State Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Area Manager at (719) 589-4975.

Donnie R. Sparks,

District Manager.

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Minerals Management Service

Public Hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 1997 to 2002

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of dates and locations of public hearings on the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 1997 to 2002.

On February 9, 1996, the Minerals Management Service announced in the Federal Register (Notice 61 FR 28) the availability of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the "Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 1997 to 2002." The notice indicated that the dates, times, and locations of public hearings on the draft EIS would be announced at a later date. This notice provides that information.

The purpose of these hearings is to receive specific comments on the adequacy of the draft EIS and to provide the Secretary of the Interior with additional information from both public and private sectors to help evaluate fully the potential environmental effects of the proposed program.

The public hearings are scheduled for the following dates and times at the following locations:

March 21, 1996

Borough Assembly Chambers, Barrow, Alaska, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627

A teleconference will be held with the villages of Pt. Hope, Point Lay,

Wainwright, Kaktovik, and Nuiqsut simultaneously with the Barrow Hearing.

March 26, 1996

Wyndham Warwick Hotel, 5701 Main Street, Houston, Texas, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Contact: Janet Diaz—(504) 736-2540

March 27, 1996

MMS Gulf of Mexico Regional Office, 1201 Elmwood Park Blvd., Rm. 115, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Contact: Janet Diaz—(504) 736-2540

March 28, 1996

Adam's Mark Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m., Contact: Janet Diaz—(504) 736-2540

March 28, 1996

City Council Chambers, Homer Alaska, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627

April 3, 1996

Yakutat High School Auditorium, Yakutat, Alaska, 7:00 p.m., Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627

April 9, 1996

MMS Alaska Region Conference Room, 949 East 36th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, 12:00 noon, Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627.

A teleconference will be held with the communities of Cordova Kenai/Soldotna, Ninilchik, Port Graham/Nanwalek, and Seldovia simultaneously with the Anchorage Hearing.

April 11, 1996

City Hall, Kivalina, Alaska, 1:00 p.m., Contact: Robin Cacy—(907) 271-6070 or 1-800-764-2627.

Interested individuals, representatives of organizations, and public officials who wish to testify at the hearings are requested to contact the person listed above for the particular location at least 5 days prior to the hearings. A hearing officer will be in charge at each hearing site. Time limitations may make it necessary to limit the length of each oral presentation to 10 minutes or less. An oral statement may be supplemented, however, by a more complete statement which should be submitted to the hearing officer at the time of the oral presentation. After the presentation of oral statements by those who have preregistered, if time is still available during the period of time listed for the hearings, other individuals will be given

an opportunity to be heard. Each hearing will begin at the specified time and will recess when all speakers have had an opportunity to testify. If there are no additional speakers, the hearing will adjourn immediately after the recess.

Written comments on the draft EIS, including comments from individuals unable to present oral statements or to attend the hearings, will be accepted until May 9, 1996. All written comments should be mailed to Director, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, MS-4320, Herndon, Virginia 22070-4817, Attention: Richard Wildermann. Hand deliveries to the Department of the Interior may be made to Room 4227 Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20240. Envelopes or packages should be marked "1997-2002 Oil and Gas Program draft EIS."

After the public hearing testimony and written comments on the draft EIS have been reviewed and analyzed, a final EIS will be prepared. The comment period for the draft EIS closes May 9, 1996.

Dated: February 20, 1996.

Thomas Gernhofer,

Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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De Minimis Amount for Recoupments on Federal Offshore Mineral Leases

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amount.

SUMMARY: This notice establishes the amount below which a royalty payor is not required to follow the statutory recoupment procedures. The Minerals Management Service (MMS) issued regulations governing recoupment of overpayments on Federal offshore mineral leases. Those regulations provide that MMS will publish a notice establishing de minimis amounts where it is not cost effective to process the recoupment request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randall Drake, Financial Compliance Branch, Compliance Verification Division, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS-3670, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 231-3139, fax number (303) 231-3372.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Royalty Management Program of the Minerals Management Service (MMS) established regulations at 30 CFR Part 230 (59 FR 38365, July 28, 1994,